

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the  
Commission's Future Energy Efficiency Policies,  
Administration, and Programs.

Rulemaking 01-08-028  
(Filed August 23, 2001)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING SOLICITING COMMENT  
ON WAYS TO INCORPORATE THE PROTOCOLS  
AND INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE  
CLIMATE CHANGE REGISTRY INTO THIS PROCEEDING**

**1. Summary**

By today's ruling, I solicit comment from the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and other interested parties on how best to incorporate the protocols and information collected by the Climate Change Registry (Registry) into this proceeding and to broaden participation in the Registry. Comments should address the proposed actions contained in this ruling and may also present additional or alternate approaches. Opening comments are within 30 days from the effective date of this ruling and reply comments are due ten days thereafter.

**2. Background**

The Energy Action Plan articulates the joint commitment of this Commission, the California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Consumer Power and Conservation Financing Authority to energy resource planning that reflects "continuing progress in meeting the state's environmental goals and standards, including minimizing the energy sector's impact on climate change." More specifically, the Energy Action Plan recognizes the need to "encourage companies that invest in energy

conservation and resource efficiency to register with the state's Climate Change Registry.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The full text of the Energy Action Plan can be viewed at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

The Registry is a voluntary program open to any organization interested in inventorying its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and publicly sharing the results of that effort. The general protocols used to count GHG emissions are based on national and international standards. In addition, the Registry is working with industries, such as the energy utilities and forestry companies, to develop more specific protocols unique to their sectors.

California's largest three electric IOUs (Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company) and one merchant generator (Calpine) have enrolled in the Registry and are in the process of taking inventory of their emissions. Sacramento Municipal Utility District is the first Registry participant to complete all steps of determining their GHG inventory, including independent verification, and have posted their results on the Registry's website.<sup>2</sup>

These participants, stakeholders, and the Registry have formed the Power/Utility subgroup to develop protocols. A technical draft was released for peer review on June 28 and comments were due on July 8. The Registry is planning to finalize the protocols by the end of 2004 after completing a public process for input, including joint workshops with the CEC. The next workshop is currently scheduled at the CEC on September 9, 2004.<sup>3</sup>

### **3. Proposed Actions**

In order to further support the Energy Action Plan goals articulated above, I propose that the Commission undertake the following in this proceeding, or its successor proceeding(s), to:

- (1) Articulate policy rules for energy efficiency that recognize the issue of climate change, including the importance of:
  - a. Registering with the Registry and

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<sup>2</sup> [www.climateregistry.org](http://www.climateregistry.org).

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.energy.ca.gov/global\\_climate\\_change/notices/2004-08-23\\_notice.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/global_climate_change/notices/2004-08-23_notice.html).

- b. Identifying the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as well as kilowatt/kilowatt-hour reductions associated with energy efficiency programs.
- (2) Expand the scope of energy efficiency savings potential and other studies in the future to examine the potential for GHG emission reductions from energy efficiency.
- (3) Require program implementers to include specific data on greenhouse emissions (based on the Registry protocols) in the workbooks they fill out for reporting purposes to Energy Division, or other tracking tools, as appropriate, and
- (4) Require energy efficiency program administrators and implementers to provide information about the Registry and to encourage participation in the Registry (for all customers other than residential) as part of their outreach efforts and when installing energy efficiency measures.

**IT IS RULED** that comments on the proposed actions described in this ruling and additional or alternate recommendations shall be filed at the Commission's Docket Office no later than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ruling. Reply comments are due ten (10) days thereafter. The Electronic Service Protocols attached to the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling dated December 22, 2003, which can be viewed at the Commission website ([www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov)), will continue to apply to the documents served in this proceeding.

Dated August 31, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Susan P. Kennedy  
Susan P. Kennedy  
Assigned Commissioner

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Soliciting Comment on Ways to Incorporate the Protocols and Information Collected by the Climate Change Registry into this Proceeding on all parties of record or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 31, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen  
Antonina V. Swansen

## **N O T I C E**

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